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**SPRING IS HERE !!**



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

*With the cold, cloudy days of winter behind us, now is a great time to review those New Year's resolutions. Did you promise yourself that 2014 would be "the year" that exercise and a healthy diet would be at the top of your list? Well, our residents here at Rescue Ranch can help you achieve your goals and have fun doing so. Consider becoming a volunteer and help exercise and socialize our dogs, along with others, during a walk or some playtime in the agility yard. This is a great way to meet others who share their passion about helping the dogs. I invite you to stop by the shelter to meet our dogs who eagerly await their walk. See you on the trail!*

*Rick Formanek*

*Thorns may hurt you, men desert you,  
sunlight turn to fog;  
but you're never friendless, never, ever, if  
you have a dog. -Douglas Mallock-*

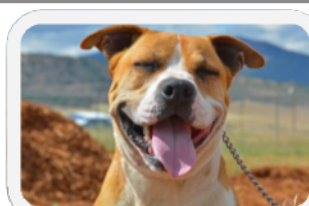
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**SHELTER HOURS  
FOR VISITORS  
Open Daily  
From  
12:00 to 4:00**



**RESCUE  
RANCH HOUSES A STAR!**

***THE BARK**, a magazine sold all over the country, has chosen our beloved Harley to appear in the publication's "Smiling Dog Feature". There he is, bold as you please on page 25 of the Spring, 2014, issue #77.*

*Harley, who has been at the Ranch 1 1/2 years, is a wonderful mix of Pit Bull and Boxer, who has a special attachment to ALL of the volunteers who work at the Ranch. He loves his "cookies" and the numerous belly rubs he gets every day.*

*Come out to the Ranch and get this star's autograph.....but be sure to bring a "cookie"!*





## The Dogs Who Wouldn't Be Separated

Why would Ben, a four-year-old mutt who'd found the perfect forever home, run away and go all the way back to the shelter? The answer: He didn't want to leave his beloved Jade behind.

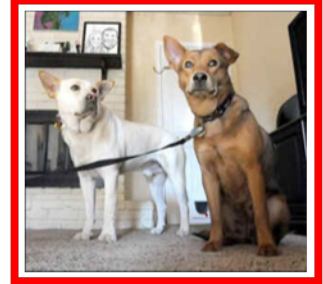
Susan and William had seen the two dogs together at the shelter, but they only wanted to adopt one, and everyone thought it would work out fine. But Ben apparently couldn't see his way to living without her.

The pair had lived as strays in a big city, and people at the diner had been putting out food for them. When Jade had puppies, one of the staff at the diner took the puppies and their parents to the shelter.

Three weeks after adopting Ben, William was taking out the trash. Ben saw his opportunity and bolted. The shelter was 10 miles away, but he arrived back there the next day. The street-savvy dog was wary of being captured, but Jade saw him and came out of her kennel, and the two sniffed and licked and kissed each other through the fence. It took the staff several hours to catch Ben – but eventually the two dogs were together inside.

When Susan and Bill came to pick up Ben..... they took Jade home, too.

The Shelter Manager said that neither dog had known much love from humans. "They found love with each other ... and lived happily ever after."



## WE CONTINUE TO NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*In addition to regular food supplies, veterinarian services and regular operational expenses, we need extra funds for the injured and neglected souls who come to us in need of specialized treatment. No amount is too small and all donations are tax deductible.*

*Another way to help is by sending a donation to honor your loved ones at special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, births and deaths, which will be acknowledged with an appropriate card.*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** Rescue Ranch Annual Open House will be held on October 4th. Save your pennies (and dollars) for there will be a delicious-dessert auction, a gangbusters raffle, and a nice lunch for sale. Check the newspaper and/or listen to the radio for more information as the date gets closer. **See you there!** If you are so inclined, give the Ranch a call and sign up for a contribution to the dessert auction or the raffle.

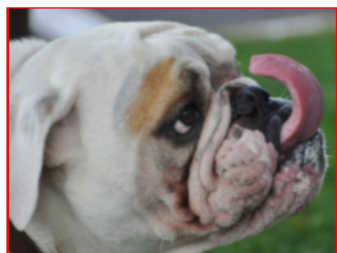
**Did you know...** Dogs turn in circles before lying down because in the wild this instinctive action turns long grass into a bed.

# HAPPY AND HEALTHY

A happy, healthy dog is one who has had the proper training so he/she is balanced, is comfortable with his/her role in the family and who receives lots of positive reinforcement, love and praise.

## THE FOUR BASIC ELEMENTS OF TRAINING

1. **Say the word you want.** For telling a dog to stop jumping up on you, for instance, that word is "Off" (not "Down", which means put your chest on the ground).
2. **Do something to assure that the desired behavior happens.** In the case of getting a dog to stop jumping, it means "turning to stone" (keep your arms folded, your hands turned to the side, and your eyes averted, totally ignoring the dog until he/she has stopped jumping), then turn to her/him and say something positive like, "How're you doing?" or "Good girl/boy".
3. **The desired behavior happens.**
4. **You reward,** either with warm, encouraging words, a food treat, or both.



## THE SENSE OF TASTE

Dogs and people live in overlapping but not identical sensory worlds, we don't share all perceptions.

Consider taste, for instance. Compared to the 9,000 taste buds on each of OUR tongues, a dog has fewer than 2,000. This relative lack of taste buds, is what helps make dogs particularly happy to try new and novel foods. Think about how a puppy will eat, literally, anything.

A dog wouldn't make the best dining companion for a leisurely meal, either; he would no doubt be bent on finishing his entire repast before you even made your way through the appetizer. But there are reasons for his indiscriminate food tastes and indelicate table manners. Consider that in the wild, dogs hunted in packs for their food with no guarantee of finding sustenance. When they did find something edible, they had to gulp it down fast before other dogs got more of it. How it tasted wasn't the point.

Even though dogs have fewer taste buds than humans, they have additional taste receptors primed to pick up on fats and certain other chemicals in meats. Dogs have also been said to possess taste buds ready to detect water. The taste for water is allegedly found at the tip of a dog's tongue, which is the part that curls to lap up the liquid.

Of course, taste is not ALL in the taste buds. It's greatly helped along by the sense of smell. If you had a cold and your nose were stuffed up, you might have a hard time determining whether you were eating an apple or a pear, for instance. Since dogs have such a superior sense of smell, that helps their sense of taste along to some degree.

Not sharing exactly the same sensory world as humans is a hard position for a dog to be in because his owner controls his life, and he can't communicate with words. The better we understand how our dogs take in their environments, the better our bond with our canine companions will become.

## **COOKIES FOR CANINES—CINNAMON BUN BITES**

2C	whole wheat flour	1/2 C	water	2 Tbsp.	honey
1 Tsp.	baking powder	1/4 C	canola oil	1 Tsp.	cinnamon
1/4 Tsp.	salt	1	large egg	1/4 C	chopped walnuts

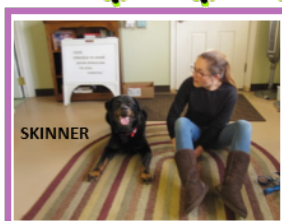
350 degree oven. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. In small bowl, combine water, oil and egg; add to the dry ingredients and stir to a soft dough.

On lightly floured surface, roll or pat dough into a 8" x 14" rectangle. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with cinnamon and nuts. Starting from a long edge, roll up jelly-roll style and pinch the edge to seal. Using a sharp knife, cut 1/2 inch slices and place cut side down on cookie sheet sprayed with nonstick spray.

Bake for 15 minutes or until springy to the touch. Cool on the baking sheet. Makes about 2 dozen.



# Happy Endings



Skinner was an intimidating guy with a bit of a gruff manner, so he was at RR for longer than usual. Then a special young lady came along and both of them fell head-over-heels! "He's a cuddler...he guards the house...and he sleeps with me. I love him SO much!!"

This little lady (who, in the midst of a pretty rough life, lost an eye) has finally found her forever home. Her new family is a loving senior who recently had some loss of her own and who needed a snuggly companion. Betsy has filled that role and then some!

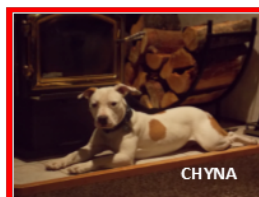


"Rebel gets a great deal of love and 'Good Boy's'. He is a welcome member of our family."



Lady is "doing fantastic and she's a perfect fit, we couldn't ask for anything more, she's a wonderful dog". "She's filled a huge hole in our hearts and she's having a ball!!"

Mocha "is the perfect dog for me, smart and curious..... she doesn't miss a beat!" What a happy girl!



"We have never shared our home with a pit bull before, but Chyna has brought us such joy!"

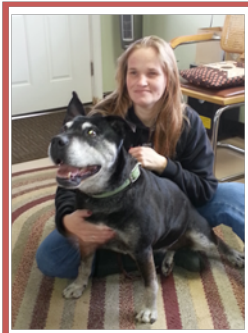


Peanut says:

I am a Chihuahua, just a little bitty guy, A little bit yappy and a tiny bit shy. Although I am small, I sure had big dreams, of a loving home, and I found one it seems. I was chosen before Christmas, didn't think I had a chance, but she wanted only me, from Rescue Ranch. She calls me Mama's Baby, I don't know what that means, but it's ok with me just to see her eyes gleam.

**WANTED: MORE LOVING HOMES.** The adoption fee is \$150.00 (\$100.00 for seniors) which is the cost of caring for one dog for a month, with vaccinations, food, and medical care.

# STEADFAST VOLUNTEERS



HEATHER OLIVER - VOLUNTEER

Rescue Ranch depends heavily upon a lot of selfless, loyal volunteers like Heather Oliver, without whom the Ranch couldn't function.

Heather moved to Siskiyou County two years ago, then began volunteering at RR late last year, and we've been counting on her help and expertise every since.

When Heather lived in southern California, she volunteered and was later employed by The Friends of Cats, a large feline shelter and then later worked at PetSmart as a canine obedience trainer, so she brings with her lots of practical experience. She has that "energy" or "leader" presence about her when she's working with the dogs and they all respect and love her.

Her "chores" include dog walking, socializing, and training, special needs handling and anything else she sees that needs doing.

Heather says RR is "one of the best facilities I've ever seen". It's "clean and well run with good (program) structure, and with a great group of volunteers".

Something that not everyone knows about this caring volunteer is that every day before she leaves the Ranch, she spends at least 5 minutes with each dog in their kennel giving them her undivided attention. They truly look forward to that kindness.

Thank you, Heather, Rescue Ranch is very lucky to have you!

## YOU TOO CAN HELP

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any organization, and the rewards for helping those in need and especially those who cannot speak for themselves, are life changing. Please call (530) 842-0829 today, to see what you can do to help.

## LOOKING FOR A HOME



Our volunteers are the greatest! Rescue Ranch literally could not survive without these wonderful people who so generously give of their time to help care for the four-legged friends who live here. We also praise and thank those who stop by just to drop off a bag of food, a box of treats, a dog bed, a leash or a bag of sheets, towels or blankets. You are all our heroes!!

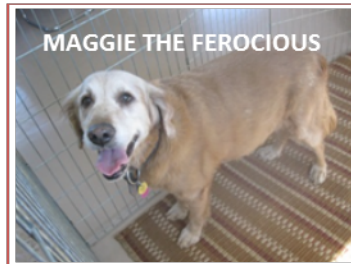
# ~Boarding News~

**Rescue Ranch boarding facility continues to be a great success.**

**A neutered/spayed boarder at Rescue Ranch can expect a safe, clean and comfortable temporary home. She will go for walks, have some playtime, eat well, sleep up off the floor with a “blankie”, and best of all be welcomed with open arms by our caring staff and given lots of TLC during her stay. The fees are reasonable and include all services.**

**All proceeds are applied to the needs of the abandoned, abused and neglected souls residing at Rescue Ranch, patiently awaiting their forever home.**

## HAPPY BOARDERS



**“When a dog wags her tail and barks at the same time, how do you know which end to believe?” Anon.**



### RESCUE RANCH HAS FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

In late 2013, Rescue Ranch received a visit from a representative of the Evergreen Elementary School's two kindergarten classes taught by Georgia Conroy and Ida Stone, bearing gifts from the students in those classes.

There were boxes and bags of all kinds of goodies for the dogs. Along with the treats was a very large construction paper dog bone shape containing the hand-printed signatures of all the students who had contributed to this caring gift.

Those great kids had asked for extra chores at home to earn the money to buy the treats. They washed dishes, cleaned their rooms, dusted, took out the trash and decorated the Christmas tree for the extra money to purchase the treats.

The dogs were happy and very grateful to have such caring friends!

**“THE GREAT PLEASURE OF A DOG IS THAT YOU MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF WITH HIM; AND NOT ONLY WILL HE NOT SCOLD YOU, HE WILL MAKE A FOOL OF HIMSELF, TOO.” —SAMUEL BUTLER—**



# Rescue Ranch Happenings

## DONATION & MEMORY WALL

*This project is still in the works...a place for RR supporters and donators to honor their loved ones or to be recognized for their donation, on a metal (three different kinds) leaf, bird or bone affixed to the wall. Call the Ranch for more information...(530) 842-0829.*



The new storage container donated by Larry Stidham, ♡ Our Hero, is in place and plans are afoot for marrying the now-two containers together with roofed storage in between. That's when we'll be looking for talented folks to pretty up the sides that will show, with paint and whatever else they come up with.

## **AGILITY CLASSES STARTING SOON**

Kathy Fueston has been an instructor in dog agility for 15 years and this is year 4 at Rescue Ranch. She travels widely with her husband Vern and 4 dogs on the west coast attending trials and competitions for which she (they) have received many titles and ribbons.

Kathy will again be offering agility training at RR to those interested in learning something new and having fun with their canine friend. The sessions (probably 3 this year) will be held at the Ranch and will last 6 weeks. The start date for the first session is May 6th at 5:00. The fee is \$75, which Kathy generously donates to Rescue Ranch. Call (530) 842-0829 or visit the Ranch for more details or to pre-register. The slots fill up fast, so if you are among the first 10 to register and pay, you are guaranteed a spot, if not there MAY be a 2nd class or a waiting list for next session.

## GLIDE FOUNDATION GRANT

In August, 2013, Rescue Ranch applied for funds from the Thornton S. Glide, Jr. and Katrina D. Glide Foundation to purchase new rescue kennels (including the dog doors and accessories), roofing, stainless steel bathtub and scales. RR received \$8,000 and is in the process of purchasing 4 new rescue kennels, a walk-in bathtub and the scales! We are very grateful to the Glide Foundation for their continued support of our mission to provide a safe environment for our rescued dogs!



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMPASSION, YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS, THE TIME YOU VOLUNTEER, YOUR CARING. THE BOARD, THE STAFF AND MOST OF ALL THE DOGS, THANK YOU WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS.



**STILL LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME**

*"You took me in.  
You gave me love  
and may we never  
part"*

